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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UNESCO ROLE IN POST CSCE EUROPEAN
COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. DEPUTY PERMREP HAS LEARNED FROM SEVERAL WELL PLACED
UNESCO SOURCES OF FOLLOWING BEHIND THE SCENE INITIATIVES,
SPEAR-HEADED BY USSR, IN CARVING GREATER ROLE FOR
UNESCO IN ANY FUTURE EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN FIELDS OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AFTER ANTICIPATED CONCLUSION OF
PROTRACTED GENEVA CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION
IN EUROPE (CSCE).

2. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, INFORMAL MEETING OF OF-
FICIALS DEALING WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF COMECON,
ECE, OECD AND EEC WAS SUPPOSED TO BE HELD, UNDER UNESCO
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AUSPICES, FEBRUARY 27 - 28 1975/IN PARIS. ORIGINATORS

OF THIS IDEA, PROUDOKINE (USSR) AND SHOPA (POLAND) DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR, RESPECTIVELY, OF SCIENCE COOPERATION OFFICE OF COUNCIL FOR MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (COMECON), WANTED TO HAVE THIS MEETING IN POLAND, BUT UNESCO RULES DID NOT ALLOW FOR SUCH INFORMAL CONSULTATION UNDER UNESCO UMBRELLA TO BE HELD OUTSIDE OF ITS HQ. INVITATIONS TO ABOVE FOUR INSTITUTIONS WENT OUT UNDER SIGNATURE OF DR. HARRISON, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR SCIENCES AT UNESCO, AND WERE ACCEPTED BY ALL.

3. EARLY FEBRUARY 1975 HARRISON, AT COMECON INVITATION, WENT TO MOSCOW PRESUMABLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE UNESCO ROLE IN FUTURE EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. WHILE IN MOSCOW HE MET, INTER ALIA, WITH GRISHIANI, CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND ZEMSKOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHO ALSO STATED THAT "SOVIET SIDE" NOT YET READY FOR ABOVE MEETING AND SUGGESTED THAT IT BE POSTPONED TO JUNE 1975. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT ECE BE LISTED AS CO-SPONSOR OF MEETING, ALONG WITH UNESCO.

4. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OTHER THREE INVITED INSTITUTIONS DATE FOR MEETING WAS FINALLY SET FOR JUNE 12 - 13 AT UNESCO HQ. CONFIRMATION LETTERS INDICATE THAT EACH INSTITUTION WILL BE REPRESENTED BY TWO OFFICIALS IN SUBJECT FIELD, EXCEPT OECD WHICH WILL HAVE THREE PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE, INCLUDING JEAN-JACQUES SALOMON, CHIEF OF SCIENCE POLICY DIVISION.

5. TENTATIVE LIST OF POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT JUNE MEETING INCLUDE FOLLOWING MAIN ITEMS: (A) EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON EXISTING AND PROSPECTIVE PROGRAMS OF WORK IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY COOPERATION IN R & D; (B) DETERMINATION OF POINTS OF COMMON INTEREST RELATING TO GOALS AND FORMS OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH (ORGANIZATION, MANAGEMENT, FINANCING), AND (C) DISCUSSION OF FUTURE INTER-SECRETARIAT CO-OPERATION, INCLUDING POSSIBILITIES OF EXTENDING EXISTING FORMS OF COOPERATION, AND ROLE, IF ANY, UNESCO CAN PLAY AS UMBRELLA FOR SUCH EUROPEAN CO-OPERATION AFTER CSCE.

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6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS WILL BE FIRST MEETING OF THIS KIND FOCUSING ON ALL-EUROPEAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUCH ACTIVITY. THIS INITIATIVE ALSO INDICATES CONTINUED DETERMINATION OF SOVIETS AND OTHERS TO MAKE "S" IN UNESCO RELATIVELY LARGER. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT ARE USG VIEWS ON

SUBJECT MATTER, IF ASKED.

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